

# ALUMNINEWS

## Shelton State Community College

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### SHELTON PLANS ANNUAL MEETING

**T**he Shelton State Alumni Association's final event for 1998-99 year will be the Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 27. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the D rooms located in the cafeteria section of the atrium on Shelton's new Martin Campus.

The guest speaker for the evening is Sandra Hall Ray, Shelton State's representative on the Alabama State Board of Education. Ms. Ray is an excellent speaker who will talk about "The New Adult Student." In addition, new officers, who will lead the Alumni Association into the year 2000, will be introduced. Make your plans now to attend.

Tickets for the evening are \$10, which includes dinner, and may be purchased by contacting the Alumni Office, 391-2252 or 391-2221. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 23.

### ALUMNI PLAY BIG PART IN SHELTON'S FIRST HOMECOMING

**F**ormer Shelton students and employees turned out in mass to celebrate the college's first Homecoming which was held in October 1998. It may be a new campus and a new world, but it was old friends who gathered together for Shelton's Homecoming events.

Quickly turning into an annual tradition, the Homecoming bonfire sponsored by the Shelton State Alumni Association was a huge success. As the fire blazed, the first Homecoming Queen for the college, Rebecca Avery, was announced. Later in the evening, the Alumni Association sold hot dogs and soft drinks while the Silver Creek Band entertained students, alumni, and friends. The money raised by the Alumni Association was used to help a deserving family during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

A reception honoring some of the original members of the Shelton State Ambassadors as well as a number of Phi Theta Kappa members was held the following evening. Husbands, wives, babies, and friends intermingled, reliving some of the happiest moments of their lives. Jean O'Connor Snyder, who helped with the founding of the Shelton Ambassadors, returned to organize the reception. "Mrs. O.C." as she is affectionately known to the first group of Ambassadors, visited and talked to many of her former students. Talk of the evening



*The Shelton State Alumni bonfire burns brightly during Homecoming.*

was that this event should become an annual affair.

The next morning college retirees joined other members of the faculty and staff for a luncheon in the President's Conference Room. A large number of college retirees returned to campus for the event. Laughter and reminiscing, along with a lot of good food, made a great time for all.



*Members of Shelton's early Ambassador Team enjoy getting together for a reception during Homecoming.*



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Miss Baleigh Carolina Marchant visits with Father Christmas while parents, Vicki and Bryan Marchant, look on.

## FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS SHELTON STATE

Members of the Alumni Association helped Father Christmas unload his sleigh and park his reindeer as he stopped in front of Shelton's atrium area in December. While at the college, Father Christmas visited with a number of good little boys and girls. As part of the Alumni Association's Christmas celebration, Santa sent personalized letters to all the good children in West Alabama. Money raised from the Santa Project and Father Christmas pictures will be used to fund alumni activities.

## "BARBECUE AND BEGONIAS"

Members of the Shelton State Alumni Association got ready for their spring planting on Monday, March 8, with a new event, "Barbecue and Begonias." Shelton's landscape and turf instructor Dennis Crim shared some of his gardening secrets. The evening also included a barbecue and the chance for former students to get together. Forty people attended the event.



Alumni Council Members jazz it up during Homecoming activities.

## ABOUT OUR FORMER STUDENTS

- LYNN MOSS, who studied business two years at Shelton State before transferring to the University of Alabama, was recently promoted to accounting manager for the finance division at Gulf States Paper Corporation. In the new position, she will be responsible for accounts payable and staff entity accounting for the division. She and her husband Daryl have two children and are members of Northport Baptist Church.
- LEAH HAMNER ALEXANDER returned to Tuscaloosa this past year and is currently employed as an architect intern with Michael Ellis Architecture in Tuscaloosa.



While at Shelton, Mrs. Hamner was a member of the Shelton Singers and Miss Shelton State. She went on to graduate from the University of Alabama and was named First Runner-up in the Miss Alabama Pageant.

- Former Shelton Student DONALD JONES is now general manager of the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce. Jones was one of the first Ambassadors at Shelton and was very active in college affairs.

- JANICE HAGLER, who is a former Shelton student, is currently recording the history of the Northport Police Department, including collecting its artifacts. Ms. Hagler has been a member of the Northport Police Department for 22 years and was the first woman officer in the history of the department.

- JENNIFER LAKE KIDWELL recently received a promotion with Visionland. Mrs. Kidwell, who was the first president of the Shelton State Alumni Association, has been promoted to manager of food service for Visionland.

- Congratulations to DAVID and KRISTINE HILL on their recent wedding. The Alumni Association wishes David and Kristine the best and much happiness.

- Shelton is proud of two former students, MARTHA KEY and JEAN MACK. These two college employees were recently elected "Outstanding Alumni" by the faculty and staff and will represent Shelton at the annual ACA meeting in Birmingham. Jean is also an active member of the Alumni Association.

- Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make Alumni Night at Buccaneer Basketball such a success. A special thanks to Buffalo Rock Pepsi Cola, Taylorville Diner, Foxfire, Buffalo Phil's, NBC Bank, Blockbuster Video, and Shelton's Wellness Center for their support of the college.



**Pam Davis and Joan Kempster visit with retired Shelton instructor, Billie Boteler, during retiree luncheon.**

- Former Shelton student DINAH WALTON did an outstanding job during one of Shelton's Black History Month programs. Ms. Walton, who is now owner of two Buffalo Phil's Restaurant franchises in Tuscaloosa, did a wonderful job on telling the audience how she was able to launch a successful business.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR by Lucy Kubiszyn

**I**t's amazing to me how many people in the West Alabama area have attended Shelton State. Just this last year over 20,000 students passed through our doors. It's a little awesome when you think about the history of the college. Shelton State really touches a lot of lives.

Now that we have our new campus, Shelton President Tom Umphrey wants to move to the next step. He believes Shelton can become one of the premier community colleges in the United States. That's a tall order when you stop and think about the number of two-year schools in this country.

One thing for sure – Shelton State can't do it alone. We certainly cannot do it without the help of our current and former students and employees. Just because you aren't in school here any longer or you're not standing in that classroom teaching every day doesn't mean you're not still part of the Shelton family!

We need you. We need your help, your ideas, and your support. Please consider joining the Shelton State Alumni Association. It's a wonderful group of people who are thoroughly committed to making Shelton State a great college.

Dues are only \$15 a year. We try to plan interesting events, programs and socials - ways for you to network, renew old acquaintances and make new ones. If you haven't joined the Alumni Association this year, it's not too late. Send your \$15 check to: The Shelton State Alumni Association, Box 199, Shelton State Community College, Old Greensboro Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405.

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